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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
District of Rhode Island

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MEDIA ADVISORY #1
(Sept. 5, 2006)

Re: United States of America v. Robert Urciuoli, et al

The trial of this case will be conducted in Courtroom 3 (2nd Floor) of the United States Courthouse before Chief U. S. District Judge Ernest Torres. Be advised that Judge Torres issued an "Order Re Conduct of Trial" dated August 31, 2006, concerning the conduct of the trial. A copy of this Order has been posted on the Court's website (www.rid.uscourts.gov) under "Court Bulletin Board."

Jury empanelment will commence on Wednesday, September 6, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. At that time, Judge Torres will address all potential jurors on the jury panel and provide initial instructions in Courtroom 1 (3rd Floor). Due to the size of the panel, there will be very limited spectator seating available in Courtroom 1. At the conclusion of this proceeding, there will be a short break, at which time Courtroom 3 (2nd Floor) will be opened to prepare for the commencement of the individual voir dire of each prospective juror. At that time, accredited members of the media and the public will be seated in the trial courtroom.

Once the jury selection process has commenced, it will continue throughout the day on Wednesday, and will resume on Thursday at 9:30 a.m., if necessary, until a jury is selected. The trial is expected to last approx. six (6) weeks.

The Court intends to provide maximum possible access to these proceedings to members of the public and the media, but is unable to provide a remote viewing area for this trial. **Any credentialed representative of the media wishing to cover this trial should contact Ms. Lisa Quartino or Ms. Jennifer Dias at (401) 752-7220 and request an official media pass.** Members of the media will be required to have their credentials visible when attending the trial.

Finally, please note the following:

1. The Courthouse opens at 8:00 a.m., but Courtroom 3 will not be open to the public and the media until 30 minutes prior to the commencement of trial. The trial will be conducted in the morning between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. with a short break, and in the afternoon between the hours of 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. with a short break. (Adjustments to this schedule may be made as circumstances warrant.)

2. All spectators must be seated at least 10 minutes prior to the commencement of each session. Spectators may not enter or leave the courtroom while court is in session except in cases of emergency.
3. Seats have been reserved in the trial courtroom for accredited members of the media who have requested seating and obtained a media pass. This is the only location within the spectator seating at which note taking or drawing will be permitted.
4. All other spectator seating will be provided on a first-come basis, and no one will be allowed to stand in the courtroom.